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Customs.

Land customs duty on certain articles.

181 Q.—Mr. K. SITARAMA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any decision has since been arrived at regarding the proposal to cancel land customs duty on certain articles referred to in the answer to my question No. 610, dated 19th December 1922;

(b) if not, the reason for the delay;

(c) the total earnings of the department in the shape of land customs; and

(d) the total establishment charges of the Land Customs department?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The whole question is under reference to the Government of India with whom the decision rests.

(c) Rs. 10,89,757.

(d) Rs. 94,523.

Depressed classes.

The Panchamas in public service.

182 Q.—Mr. P. V. S. SUNDARAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Finance and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any special concessions have been shown in the way of promotions to the Panchamas who are already in public service;

(b) if so, to how many;

(c) whether the Government have communicated their intention to the heads of various departments of giving preference to deserving men of the depressed classes in the matter of appointments and promotions; and

(d) if so, whether it is being given effect to?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

(c) & (d) General instructions have been issued in G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, in the matter of the representation of the various communities in the public service and the Government have no reason to doubt that they are being observed.

Appointment of depressed classes in Government Service in the Kistna district.

183 Q.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Finance and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the number and nature of appointments that were filled up by (1) Adi-Andhras and (2) members of the other depressed classes in the Kistna district on a salary of more than Rs. 30?

A.—The figures showing the statistics of appointments of members of the depressed classes will be published in due course in the form of return prescribed in G.O. No. 563, Public, dated 21st July 1923. Information relating to appointments held by the different classes included in the term 'depressed classes' is not available.